

# Town of Hopkinton, NH

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## Recycling Committee Minutes - 05/08/2007

### Hopkinton/Webster Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes May 8, 2007

Present: Chris Lawless, Mary Leadbeater, David Lancaster, Debbie Augustine, Katherine Mitchell, Sally Embley, Bob Lapree, Mary Jo MacGowan

The meeting was called to order by Debbie Augustine at 6:33 pm. Introductions were made. Debbie started the meeting by officially welcoming a new member from Hopkinton, Bob Lapree. Mary Jo MacGowan was welcomed as a committee representative from Webster.

Chris motioned to accept the minutes seconded by Sally. Vote was 8-0.

The first item up for discussion was to get the feel of the Boards of Selectmen for Webster and Hopkinton regarding Pay as You Throw (PAYT). However Don Lane, the Selectmen's representative on the recycling committee, was not present. He was in Webster meeting with their Board of Selectmen. He was also going to find out about the makeup of the committee in Webster in regards to the Recycling Committee and the Landfill Committee. There was some discussion on what the committees do and the state of affairs between the towns and the status of the landfill and transfer station.

The committee then rehashed items over again on PAYT. After that the committee looked at the first draft power point slides that will be used to present to the Boards of Selectmen. Each slide was gone over and changes were made. A few minor tweaks must be done as well as some calculations that must be added. The committee debated over what should be the price of the bags on the slides. The committee felt that we should put a number (\$1.50 and .75 cents) but stressed that the price will ultimately be determined by the Boards of Selectmen. The bag price would cover all trash disposal costs, excluding the transfer station, and landfill closure bonds, and the tipping fees charged for construction debris. Because there were still some changes to be made, the committee felt that it should meet again on June 12<sup>th</sup> BEFORE presenting this PAYT model to the Board of Selectmen. A date of June 25<sup>th</sup> was picked to meet with the Board of Selectmen. The committee briefly discussed having a letter to the editor sent to various newspapers but decided to hold off until after the presentation.

The composters will arrive May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Transfer Station.

There was no time to discuss the in-town recycling center pilot.  
Motion to adjourn was made by Chris, Seconded by Katherine.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Lawless